

## 2015 EVENTS FOR CHILDREN

**EASTER BUNNY TAIL TRAIL** Saturday 28th March for two weeks  
10am - 4pm every day

The Easter bunny & his friends have lost their tails! Find all the tails hidden amongst the trees & plants, complete the puzzle, then claim your sticker prize! FREE

**BUSHCRAFT DEMONSTRATION** Friday 3rd April 11am - 2pm  
Enjoy a demonstration on building a shelter from natural materials, making bush tea & basic fire-lighting. FREE



**HAWK WALK** Sunday 19th April 11am - 12.30pm

Enjoy a walk with a hawk following on above and flying to your fist, then meet fascinating falcons and owls. Interact with some amazing predators! £40 per person

**DAWN CHORUS** Saturday 25th April 5 - 7.30am

See, hear and learn more about the arboretum's birdlife with experts from the RSPB. Then enjoy bacon sandwiches and hot drinks! Adult £12.50 Child £7.50 Family £35

**DAWN CHORUS** Saturday 9th May 5 - 7.30am

Our second Dawn Chorus of 2015. See, hear and learn more about our birdlife with RSPB experts, then enjoy a bacon sandwich and hot drink! Adult £12.50 Child £7.50 Family £35

**INTRODUCTION TO BUSHCRAFT** Monday 25th May 10am - 2pm

Try your hand at wilderness skills including shelter building and primitive fire-lighting using a flint and steel under the guidance of experts. Adult £30 Child £20 Family £90

**HAWK WALK** Sunday 7th June 11am - 12.30pm

Enjoy a walk with a hawk following on above and flying to your fist, then meet fascinating falcons and owls. Interact with some amazing predators! £40 per person

**BIRDS OF PREY DISPLAY** Sunday 14th June 11am - 3pm

Witness a spectacular falconry display by York Bird of Prey Centre, and learn all about these spectacular birds. FREE.

**PAPERMAKING - HAVE A GO!** Sunday 19th July 10am - 4pm

Try your hand at papermaking and view the exhibition by artist Niki Hampson of Pulpitations. FREE

**FAMILY FUN PAPERMAKING**

Monday 3rd August 10am-12.30pm, or 1.30-4pm

Make paper then use arboretum materials for experimentation and decoration. Take home your creations for crafts or framing. Adult £12.50, Child £10, Family £40



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**FERROUS FOREST DAY** Sunday 9th

August 10am - 3pm

Try your hand at blacksmithing and bushcraft. Spend half the day at the forge with our blacksmith and then learn wilderness skills with the experts. £60 per person



**HAWK WALK** Sunday 23rd August  
11am - 12.30pm

Enjoy a walk with a hawk following on above and flying to your fist, then meet fascinating falcons and owls. Interact with some amazing predators! £40 per person

**CREATURES OF THE NIGHT** Saturday 29th August 7.30 - 10pm

Celebrate the creatures of the night with a bat-walk and a moth-trapping event on an after-hours walk around the arboretum. Adult £10, Child £5, Family £25

**STARGAZING EVENING** Saturday 5th September 7.30 - 10.30pm

Explore the wonders of the night sky, including star clusters, nebulae & galaxies. Soup & sandwich supper included. Adult £12, Child £7.50, Family £35

**HAWK WALK** Sunday 11th October 11am - 12.30pm

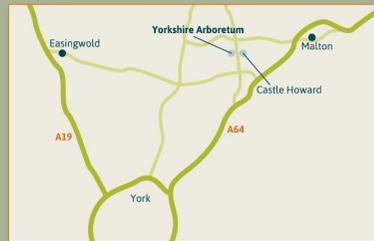
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**WINTER WELLY WALK** Saturday 26th December and Friday 1st  
January 2016 10.30am - 3pm

Enjoy a walk with family & friends in the fresh air & return to hot & cold drinks, home-made treats & plenty of festive cheer! Adult £6 Child 11-16 £4, 5-10 £2 Under 5's free

### How to find us

We're 15 miles NE of York and easily accessible from the A64. Follow the brown signs to Castle Howard. We're located opposite the entrance to Castle Howard.



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**THE YORKSHIRE  
ARBORETUM**

# CHILDREN'S ACTIVITIES



Arboretum Explorers' Club

Woodland playground

Adventure backpacks

Discovery Days

Junior Rangers

Minibeast trail

Special events

The Yorkshire Arboretum is a fun & fascinating place for children and adults alike.

Admission is **FREE** for children up to 11 and only £3 for 12 to 16 year olds.

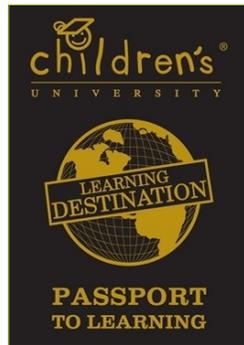


In addition to the 120 acres of parkland to explore (can you find the den, the willow igloo and the Green Man? Look out for the peacocks!), there's a range

of great activities on offer every day and our events programme means there's often something extra to do and see throughout the season - especially during the school holidays.

We're also a Learning Destination for the Children's University so bring along your child's passport to be stamped when they complete a validated activity.

There's more information on the scheme at [www.childrensuniversity.co.uk](http://www.childrensuniversity.co.uk)



We host more than 2000 schoolchildren per year on school visits - make sure to pick up a leaflet detailing our curriculum-led activities before you leave to show your teacher.

We also host children's activity birthday parties. Pond-dipping, den-building, minibeast hunting, and a forest fairy adventure are just some of the activities available. We can even provide the cake. Please ask for more details.

## AVAILABLE EVERY DAY

### ADVENTURE BACKPACKS

Explore the great outdoors and learn about nature.

Each age-appropriate backpack contains a range of items and activities (e.g. bark rubbing kit, bird ID sheet). £3 rental charge + £10 refundable deposit.



### MINIBEAST TRAIL

This **FREE**, fun trail is designed to help children explore nature & learn about the creatures they see along the way.

### WOODLAND PLAYGROUND

Den building, balance beams, tree trunk bridges, log ladders and giant stepping stones - all created from the arboretum's own trees!



### SEASONAL ACTIVITY

Depending when you visit, it might be Leaf Bingo - a fun, treasure-hunt style activity, or perhaps a Story Trail - a word-hunt and writing activity to encourage children to explore and use their imaginations. Just ask in the Visitor Centre for your **FREE** activity sheet.



## 2015 EVENTS FOR CHILDREN WITH OUR OUTDOOR EDUCATION TEAM

### ARBORETUM EXPLORERS' CLUB

10am – 3pm £15 per child (includes lunch). Booking essential please.

Intrepid explorers aged 6-11 can spend a day discovering the arboretum & taking part in lots of nature-based activities. No adults allowed! Activities include:

**Monday 27th July** – a minibeast hunt, decomposition activities, art, outdoor music and crafts

**Monday 10th August** - making a story stick, meet a tree, colour collection, design a tree and poetry

**Monday 24th August** - orienteering, shelter-building, owl pellet dissection and certificate making



### DISCOVERY DAYS

Half past the hour from 10.30am - 2.30pm £3.50 per child. Booking not required - just drop in and join in. Children aged 4-11 can discover the natural world during these hour-long sessions:

- Weds 22nd July** Pond-dipping and shelter-building
- Weds 29th July** A minibeast hunt and orienteering
- Weds 5th August** Pond-dipping and a minibeast hunt
- Weds 12th August** A minibeast hunt and outdoor music
- Weds 19th August** Pond-dipping and shelter-building
- Weds 26th August** A minibeast hunt and orienteering

### JUNIOR RANGERS' CLUB

10am – 3pm £7.50 per child Booking essential please.

A fun-packed day for accompanied children aged 5-11, with seasonal indoor & outdoor activities & crafts e.g. pond-dipping, minibeast hunts, leaf printing & mask making.

**Weds 18th February**

**Weds 8th April**

**Weds 27th May**

**Weds 28th October**

